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	CAEX-01	PER-00	ACE-00	IRM-00	SSO-00	SS-00	TEST-00
	USIE-00	ASDS-00	FMP-00	R-00	EPAE-00	IIP-00	DSCC-00
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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9373  
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TAGS: CASC, AMGT, APER, PGOV, PREL, ASEC, CMGT, KFLO, VE  
SUBJECT: CARACAS SITREP NO. 32; DECEMBER 31, 2002; 1400  
HOURS

REF: CARACAS 004215

1. (SBU) OVERALL SITUATION: DAY 30 OF THE STRIKE.

SEVERAL US EMPLOYEES WERE SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING  
UNLEADED GASOLINE AT FORT TIUNA ON DECEMBER 30 WHILE  
OTHERS WERE NOT. THE PROCESS AND DISTRIBUTION APPEAR TO  
BE VERY UNORGANIZED THERE. THE CG MET WITH THE MINISTER  
OF DEFENSE TODAY. DURING THE MEETING, SHE RAISED THE  
ISSUE OF WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA COULD ASSIST  
THE EMBASSY IN OBTAINING GASOLINE. HE SEEMED WILLING TO

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REVIEW AUTHORITY: OSCAR J OLSON  
DATE/CASE ID: 02 MAY 2007 200503244

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ASSIST, AND THE EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP ON THURSDAY.

ACCORDING TO MEDIA REPORTS, NATIONAL GUARD GENERAL CARLOS ALFONZO MARTINEZ IS UNDER HOUSE ARREST. LOCAL MEDIA ALSO REPORT THAT THERE WILL BE A HEARING REGARDING THE STATUS OF GENERAL MARTINEZ ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2003.

2. (SBU) SECURITY SITUATION:

VIOLENCE IN CARACAS/REST OF VENEZUELA: NONE REPORTED.

SITUATION WITH USG EMPLOYEES: NO CHANGE.

SITUATION WITH USCITS: THE TWO LOCAL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS, WHERE EMBASSY CHILDREN ATTEND, HAVE BOTH

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POSTPONED THEIR RE-OPENINGS. ESCUELA CAMPO ALEGRE ANNOUNCED THAT THE EARLIEST THEY WILL OPEN IS JANUARY 13. COLEGIO INTERNACIONAL IN CARACAS REPORTED THAT THEY WILL NOT OPEN ON JANUARY 6 AS PLANNED, AND THAT THEY WILL SOON ANNOUNCE THEIR PLANS TO RE-OPEN. SHOULD ORDERED DEPARTURE EXTEND PAST JANUARY 8, BOTH SCHOOLS RECOMMEND THAT DIPLOMATS ON ORDERED DEPARTURE ENROLL THEIR CHILDREN IN LOCAL SCHOOLS AT THE SAFEHAVEN POINTS IN THE US.

(U) TRANSPORTATION SITUATION:

AIRPORTS/AVAILABILITY OF FLIGHTS:

MAIQUETIA AIRPORT (NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TERMINALS): NO CHANGE.

FUEL: NO CHANGE.

AMERICAN AIRLINES: FOUR FLIGHTS TODAY TO MIAMI FROM CARACAS. AA HAS CANCELLED ITS MARACAIBO TO DALLAS FLIGHT AND BEGINNING TOMORROW, IT WILL CANCEL ONE OF ITS CARACAS TO MIAMI FLIGHTS DUE TO A LACK OF PASSENGERS. NO OVERBOOKING.

UNITED AIRLINES: ONE FLIGHT A DAY TO MIAMI AT 1330. UA HAVE TENTATIVE PLANS TO REMAIN ON THIS SCHEDULE THROUGH JANUARY 6, 2003.

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES: ONE FLIGHT A DAY TO HOUSTON AND ONE FLIGHT DAILY TO NEWARK.

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DELTA: ONE FLIGHT A DAY TO ATLANTA AT 1030.

AEROPOSTAL: THREE FLIGHTS TODAY TO MIAMI FROM CARACAS.  
ONE FLIGHT A DAY FROM BOTH MARACAIBO AND VALENCIA.

LAN CHILE: HAS ONE FLIGHT WEEKLY ON FRIDAYS FROM SANTIAGO  
VIA CARACAS TO MIAMI. FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, LC IS  
ADDING A FLIGHT ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 AND 15.

ROADS: NO CHANGE.

3. (U) SUPPLIES AND SERVICES:

CURRENTLY WITHIN THE EMBASSY: NO CHANGE.

WITHIN THE CITY/COUNTRY:

GASOLINE: NO CHANGE

POWER: NORMAL.

WATER: NORMAL.

FOOD: NO CHANGE.

BANKS: NO CHANGE.

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4. (U) EAC:

LAST MEETING AT 0900 HOURS ON DECEMBER 27 AND WILL BE  
HELD AT MINIMUM ONCE A WEEK TO REVIEW STAFFING.

WARDEN MESSAGE: A MESSAGE ANNOUNCING THE CLOSURE OF THE  
EMBASSY'S NON-IMMIGRANT AND IMMIGRANT VISA SECTIONS TO  
ROUTINE APPLICATIONS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 20 WAS CIRCULATED  
ON THE WARDEN NETWORK ON DECEMBER 27.

5. (U) NEXT SITREP DUE: UNLESS EVENTS WARRANT, POST'S  
NEXT SITREP WILL BE FORWARDED AT 1400 HOURS ON JANUARY 2,  
2003. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

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